2nd August 1955]

Construction of a road between Udaiyarpalayam and Murugankudi.

* 1845 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any mahazar, dated 22nd November 1954, signed by the people of the concerned villages for the formation of a road between Udaiyarpalayam in Tiruchirappalli district and Murugankudi in South Arcot district through the villages of Nagalkuzhi, Marudur, Kodukkur, Idaikurichi and Madukulam of Udaiyarpalayam taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under correspondence with the Presidents of the District Boards of Tiruchirappalli and South Arcot and the Chief Engineer (Highways)."

Murder cases in Malabar.

* 1846 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of murder cases reported in Malabar since last December;

(*b*) how many of these cases have been investigated and how many persons have been charged or convicted; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any mass petitions or resolutions regarding any such cases, especially the one at Munderi amsam of Chirakkal taluk and another at Mowancheri of Chirakkal taluk in North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (*c*) A mass petition regarding a murder case at Munderi amsam only was received by Government."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, how many out of the 52 cases were investigated and charge-sheeted? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Fifty-two cases of murder were reported since December 1953 and up to 15th November 1954 in Malabar district. All these cases were investigated. In one case it was found that the death was due to T.B. One case was referred as undetected. Two cases are still under investigation. The remaining 48 were charge-sheeted."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, very large number of cases of murder are frequently brought to the notice of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 168 infra.